

Title: Faith is the Gift of God

Text: Ephesians 2:1-8

Eph 2:1 ¶ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 ¶ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

If you have been born-again, you have had to have faith.

Romans 4:16-18— *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

There is a Source of Faith → Romans 10:17 Hearing by the Word of God

Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ro 10:17 So then <ara> faith <pistis> cometh by <ek> hearing <akoe>, and <de> hearing <akoe> by <dia> the word <rhema> of God <theos>.

Ro 10:17 <ara><pistis><ek><akoe>, <de><akoe><dia><rhema><theos>.

686. **ara**, probably from 142 (through the idea of drawing a conclusion); a particle denoting an inference more or less decisive (as follows):-- therefore, truly, wherefore. Often used in connection

4102. **pistis**, persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession;

1537. **ek**, a primary preposition denoting origin (the point whence action or motion proceeds), from, out (of place, time, or cause; literal or figurative; direct or remote)...

189. **akoe**, from 191; hearing (the act, the sense or the thing heard):--audience, ear, fame, which ye heard, hearing, preached, report, rumor.

1161. **de**, a primary particle (adversative or continuative); but, and, etc.:--also, and, but, moreover, now (often unexpressed in English)
1223. **dia**, a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; through (in very wide applications, local, causal, or occasional):--after, because of (that), by, for, by reason of, for sake, that, thereby,
4487. **rhema**, from 4483; an utterance by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); saying, word
2316. **theos**, of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with 3588) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very:--X exceeding, God, god(-ly, -ward).

We may think we have faith but not really.
Romans 14:23